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From time to time in coming weeks we expect to find information of interest in this report which we will print for the information of our readers. Right now, the part of most interest is naturally that devoted to the division of stamps and we are reprinting that part of the report herewith. Note that the report covers the period July 1, 1940 to June 30, 1942. This explains why stamps which were not issued in 1941 are mentioned in the report.

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In accordance with the provisions of law, a new contract was entered into, after competitive bidding, for the manufacture of stamped envelopes estimated to be required for sale purposes to the public through post offices during the four-year period beginning January 1, 1941. The contract was awarded to the International Envelope Corporation, New York, N. Y., and the average cost of manufacture to the Department has increased approximately \$0.19 per thousand envelopes which will necessitate an increase of approximately \$250,000 a year in the stamped envelope appropriation.

Effective January 1, 1941, the procedure of shipping stamped envelopes and postal cards to central-accounting offices by ordinary instead of registered mail was adopted. This resulted in a substantial saving in the distributing cost.

As required by law, documentary internal revenue stamps furnished by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue were on sale in 5,979 post offices on June 30, 1941, comprising all first- and second-class post offices, and all third- and fourth-class post offices located at county seats.

The Department of the Interior has jurisdiction over the sale, for tax purposes, of migratory bird hunting stamps which are required by law to be kept on sale in all post offices of the first and second classes and at other specifically authorized offices located near water-fowl hunting areas. Funds from such sales are deposited by the Postal Establishment with the Treasurer of the United States, and transferred by warrant to the Department of the Interior. At the close of the fiscal year 1941 these stamps were on sale at 12,546 post offices, and the sales amounted to \$1,257,813, which was the highest on record since the law became effective on July 1, 1934. The law provides that these stamps become obsolete, for tax purposes, on June 30 of each year, making it necessary to design and place on sale a new series of stamps at the beginning of each fiscal year and to recall for redemption all unsold stamps of the preceding series.

In the schedule of special issues of postage stamps provision was made for the previously announced Artists

and Inventors groups to complete the Famous American series, of which five groups were released in the preceding year.

Special stamps in the 3-cent denomination were also issued to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Coronado Expedition in New Mexico; for the seventy-fifth anniversary of the thirteenth amendment to the Constitution and for the sesquicentennial of the admission of Vermont to Statehood.

The Coronado stamp was first placed on sale at Albuquerque, New Mexico, on September 7, 1940; the 13th Amendment to the Constitution stamp was first offered for sale at the World's Fair, New York, post office, on October 20, 1940, and the Vermont stamp was first sold at Montpelier, Vermont, on March 4, 1941.

The Coronado stamp had for a central subject a reproduction of the painting "Coronado and His Captains" by Cassidy. The central design of the Vermont Statehood stamp depicts the State Capitol Building. The 13th Amendment stamp had for a central design a reproduction of the statue of President Lincoln and the Slave in Lincoln Park, Washington, D. C.

A special series of National Defense postage stamps in the 1-, 2-, and 3-cent denominations was also made available to the public on October 16, 1940, in behalf of the National Defense program.

A new series of air-mail stamps was authorized in 6-, 10-, 15-, 20-, 30-, and 50-cent denominations, displacing air-mail stamps which had been issued from time to time in similar denominations. The 6-cent stamp was the first to be completed and was placed on sale at Washington, D. C., on June 25, 1941. It is expected that the entire series will be completed during the 1942 fiscal year.

Authorization has also been given for a new series of embossed stamped envelopes to replace the stamp designs thereon that have been in use since 1915. No changes will be made in the sizes and styles of the envelopes, and the date of issue is dependent upon the completion of the printing dies which are now being engraved.

PHILATELIC AGENCY

The sale of postage stamps for collection purposes through this Agency amounted to \$1,158,000 or an increase of 5.2 percent as compared with the previous fiscal year. The sales of these stamps are made through window service at the Agency and by mail orders filled in the Agency.

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The philatelic display car has continued in service throughout the year and has toured 14 States, with stops in 166 cities and towns and has been visited by 105,400 collectors.

Lets' Attend Naturally, our first business is to lick the Japs and Messrs Hitler and Mussolini. That matter is being directed from Washington. We are all in hearty accord with the plans that are being made and we will all do all in our power to support and help further those plans, but in the meantime, let us all attend to our own business, ever ready to shoulder any burden that may be passed on to us as our share in helping do the big job. It would be foolish for anyone to quit trying to make a living, quit his ordinary line of business, unless he is called to take up other work. We of course do not mean that a man who is able and capable and of the proper age should not offer his services to the Government. Army men however frown on enlistments and a movement is now on foot to take wanted men by draft only and after all that should be the best and proper manner for in such manner, those in a position to know best, can pick those best fitted for the various tasks. I feel confident that all will approve such a plan. Meantime, we must live, we must work, we must have pastimes and pleasures to give us rest and relaxation after a day of hard work.

Stamps and stamp collecting have their proper place in such a program. There is no hobby of a similar nature that offers so much as stamp collecting. To carry on with stamp collecting, we need stamp dealers and stamp publications. Both must be supported by the hobby through this period if stamp collecting itself is to survive and survive it will.

Already there have been numerous instances of younger dealers who have folded up their business of dealing in stamps and offered their services in our armed forces. That is

as it should be, but on the other hand, there are many stamp dealers of an age or of a physical qualification unfit for such service. To these men will be the task of carrying on. Most of the stamp magazines are run by men far beyond the age of active military service and these men can best help by standing by their business with a thought and a hope to operate in a manner that will permit them to carry their share of the burden by paying taxes, buying Defense Stamps and Bonds and by supplying publications that will help the worker in finding pleasant and restful hours with his stamps.

Far too few people realize the seriousness of this situation. We in America have seen nothing yet, to what we will see in the months to come. Some are still trying to throw wrenches into the machinery and this action is going to help hasten the final showdown.

The greatest factor in the success of the German Army and of the Japanese attack can be laid to the fact that these countries were prepared for this business under a form of Dictatorship which we in America thought could never come to America, but it is coming and the sooner we get right down to brass tacks and accept the situation and start doing the job as it was done by our attackers, the sooner it will be over with when we can go back to our normal life, but let us hope that when this matter is settled that there will be such a clamor from the people that it can never happen again.

World war can be prevented just as our city police prevent thugs and robbers from running rampant. World war can be prevented by a world police and by no other method. "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you", is a very beautiful sentiment but because we tried such a plan is the reason we are in this mess. What we need for the safety of the world is a revision of the rule to read—**MAKE OTHERS DO UNTO YOU AS YOU WOULD DO UNTO THEM.**

When this is put into practice, we can all live happily ever after and enjoy our hobby and see others enjoy their chosen hobbies.

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H. F. Colman and I got to figuring on the chance of getting more of them. We knew that along the eastern shore of Maryland the farmers in the early days used to ship their produce by boat to Baltimore, so we concluded to take a summer vacation down on the shore and see what we could scare up in the stamp line - particularly Baltimores!

It was July and it was hot. We went to some small towns down near the shore, and hunted, with no success. We visited farms on the shore, still with no success and decided we had better quit and go home. But, taking one more try at it, we started along the edge of the Bay and along in the afternoon, sweating profusely, came to a white farmhouse with its back to the water. On the porch, in a rocker, sat an elderly man in a shirt and overalls, comfortably rocking.

We sat on the edge of the porch in the shade and told him we were looking for old letters and stamps, explained about the farm traffic to Baltimore, and asked if he had lived there a good while. Born there, he said. Had his family done any of that shipping? Yes, his granpaw had done a lot of it. Well, had there been any old letters saved? Yes, down cellar there was an old box with a lot of them in, a box of his granpaw's old letters. Ought to be burned up long ago!

We begged for permission to look at them. He rocked and reckoned it wouldn't be worth while. We talked of the value of old stamps, and he wasn't impressed. Not likely to be any good and it was too hot to go fussin' down there. We pleaded in vain. Even talked cautiously of the fact that a single stamp might be worth dollars to him. Too hot!

Finally I got out a pocketbook, took out a five dollar bill and held it out to him. "We'll give you five dollars just for the privilege of looking at those letters, and pay you well for any stamp too." He leaned over and made a swift grab for the bill and tucked it in his pocket. When we made no protest he grinned and said, "I thought you was jokin' but I reckon you mean it. Come on."

He led us down cellar and there from under other stuff we dug out a large box, brought it to the light and

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simply took off the loose cover and dumped the contents on the floor. We waded into the mass of old, blue paper, folded letters, and, George, I give you my word of honor, there were some 500 letters there, all from two or three firms to whom granpaw sold his farm produce. And they were dated from 1842 to 1848—and not a cussed one of them had a stamp on it! There was the now very familiar blue BALTIMORE and the big 5 in the oval, and even a couple with the 10 in the oval, and not a stamp!

With his permission, to pay for our five dollars, we took 50 of them with good clear markings and sadly departed for home in disgust. We didn't have heart enough left to do any more hunting. We had picked out copies whose dates made it clear that they might have had Baltimore stamps on them, and later we presented a number of them to collectors over the country, and some time in 1918 when I saw Colman in Washington he told me that he had recently found a number of them still stowed away in the room back of his office.

Yours regrettfully,
A. C. TOWNSEND

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France and Colonies Group

The France and Colonies Group is a new special field society organized in New York in October 1941 and now grown to a total of 70 members as of mid-January, scattered over the entire country and including even some oversea. This group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 44 West 55th Street, New York, N.Y., with an exhibit of some interesting collection of French material as a feature of each meeting. The attendance, consisting of members in and near New York, regularly runs between 20 and 30.

The France and Colonies Group has already commenced the publication of a bulletin intended to appear six times in each year, dealing with matters of interest to collectors of France and Colonial stamps. Members joining in the near future will, of course, receive the first two numbers already published.

All communications on this society should be addressed to Dr. A. J. C. Vaurie, 5 East 53rd St., New York, N.Y., who is Chairman and Secretary pending the election of officers scheduled for the near future.

In 1850 when President Roberts of the negro republic of Liberia visited London, Queen Victoria presented the country with the gunboat "Lark." The entire one-vessel navy is depicted on the 5c 1909 issue. In 1917 a German submarine appeared off Monrovia and shelled and sank the little vessel in a one-sided engagement lasting only a few minutes. The Liberian Congress had rashly declared war on Germany but hadn't expected Liberia would have to participate in hostilities. Cost: the entire Navy, and so Liberian stamps no longer depict its frequently renamed one-ship navy.

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Stamps and Posts of Spitzbergen

By W. DENNIS WAY

Until fairly recent times Spitzbergen was a "No-man's Land," and though always populated by a few thousand whalers, miners and prospectors, there was no organized postal system, since there was no government to institute one; moreover, nearly the whole of the population was a floating one, returning to the mainland at the approach of winter.

The Dutch were the modern discoverers of the islands, but to Britain belongs the credit of charting the coast. For three hundred years whaling vessels of these two nations made annual trips, working from rough camps on the islands. At first one or two men were left in charge each winter, but they were so frequently found dead or mad with solitude in the following spring that the practice was abandoned. French, Russian and Scandinavian ships followed the others into these northern waters, with the result that whilst no nation wished to accept the responsibility of government, none would allow any other state to act in any manner that might later be interpreted as an act of government.

That was the state of affairs when Capt. Bade, a recently-retired German naval officer sailed to the islands in 1871 with a party of tourists, thus repeating an exploit he had done twenty years before. The summer climate was perfect; there was bear and seal hunting, splendid fishing and majestic country to explore; the result being that the tour was an unqualified success. So much so that they became the rage and for a few years the great shipping companies became rivals in the trade, our own P. & O. and Orient lines being included in the number.

It was left to the Vesteraalen Steam Ship Co. of Norway to erect a small "hotel" at Advent Point in 1896, capable of accommodating twenty-five guests. This was served by a weekly vessel from Tromso. In the following year a weekly newspaper, the Spitzbergen Gazette, was published from the hotel and found a ready sale amongst the miners and whalers.

That years also saw the appearance of two postage stamps, ostensibly required to defray the cost of postage on letters taken from Advent Point to Tromso by the Company's vessel. It has to be confessed that the sale was much larger at Tromso, where they had also been placed on sale by their originator, Theo. Jebens, a German trader.

Perforated 11½, they are lithographed on white wove paper. The 10 ores brown shows a bear rearing before a huntsman; much the same design being employed for the 20 ores red, but the latter is enclosed in an arch, whereas the 10 ores frame is oval. Each bears the name spelt as "SPIDSBERGEN." A provisional 5 ores in purple on the 20 ores is also known. In spite of the nominal face value, a writer in the Deutsche Verkährszeitung in 1897 stated that the cost at Advent Bay was 1kr. each. He further said that there was a posting box there which was cleared "about twice a week" by the crew of the Tromso steamer—proof that genuine postal business was done. Cancellation was by means of a rubber stamp reading "SPIDSBERGEN" and the date.

Other companies imitated the idea. Thus there is a large blue stamp showing a polar bear on a shield with a star above and below. The value "10", presumably ores, appears in the lower corners. In this case the spelling is "SPITZBERGEN". Perforated 11½, little is known of its origin, but the spelling suggests that it might be British. The writer has also seen a large oblong stamp, again showing the familiar bear and iceberg motif. Once again its origin is unknown by the writer. Since French and Austrian ships later joined the others, this may possibly be a stamp issued by one of them.

Within a few years the tourist craze had come to an end. The mining companies had never made use of their postal services, preferring to send their mails in their own vessels; and what little other business remained was handled by an old schooner of only 23 tons, the "Dion", sailing to Tromso. This was so small that the

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crew consisted of the captain-cook and a cabin boy. The mails never exceeded a small sack and were mainly to and from the staff of the Norwegian government wireless station at Green Harbour. On the wall of the superintendent's house is a familiar red letter box of the usual Norwegian pattern. Norwegian stamps are used and Norwegian rates of postage apply. The cancellation "Green Harbour" is one well worth a search.

In 1912 the little schooner was replaced by a small motor sloop. This was really a political gesture, as Norway was at the time laying claim to the islands. This was again replaced by a larger ship in 1919 but traffic still remained small, the total number of packages carried in an average year being only 3,700. There is no delivery in the islands beyond Green Harbour, letters sometimes waiting there for years to be claimed.

The Great War interfered with Norway's plans, and it was not until 1925 that the Powers gave their consent to the islands coming under the Norwegian flag, an event commemorated by the "Svalbard" issue of that year.

Stamp Collecting, London.

• In 1895 and 1896 there came from Uganda in Africa what are probably the crudest stamps ever issued for postage. They were made on a typewriter by a missionary, the Rev. E. Miller of the Church Missionary Society at his post, Mengo, in the Uganda Protectorate of Great Britain. They were produced on the only typewriter in the Protectorate. Stamp collectors soon learned of these crude but fascinating stamps and the Reverend was busy soon turning out more of the stamps to meet philatelic demands and for variety there are different colors of ribbon used, errors in typing, and odd denominations not necessary for postal business. They were not perforated and were cut or torn apart by their users.

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Now that 1942 is here we can look back upon the year 1941. After seeing the year 1940, 1941 seemed a short year to First Day cover collectors. While 1940 saw forty-five new United States stamps, 1941 saw only seven new issues. Yes, First Day cover collectors had a short year indeed. On the other hand the face value of the stamp issues of 1940 amounted to \$1.74 while that of 1941 fell only a little below this figure at \$1.34. As for foreign First Day cover collectors there was still a shorter year due to the war. But 1942 will prove itself to be still shorter in this field.

The year 1941 saw the birth of 622,011 First Day covers in the United States as follows:

- 3c Vermont Tercentenary, March 4, at Montpelier, Vt. with 182,423 covers,
- 6c airmail issue of 1941, June 25, at Washington, D. C., with 99,896 covers,
- 10c airmail issue of 1941, Aug. 15, at Atlantic City, N. J., with 87,712 covers,
- 15c airmail issue of 1941, Aug. 19, at Baltimore, Md., with 74,000 covers,
- 20c airmail issue of 1941, Aug. 27, at Philadelphia, Pa., with 66,225 covers,
- 30c airmail issue of 1941, Sept. 25, at Kansas City, Mo., with 57,175 covers, and
- 50c airmail issue of 1941, Oct. 29, at St. Louis, Mo., with 54,580 covers.

Miss Mary Krakora of Cleveland writes "among the cancellations on my Patriotics I believe I have a set which is most interesting. It is a postal history of the 2nd Army headquarter movements in the September maneuvers held in Louisiana. Fortunately my brother's Company was attached to headquarters at the time and in sending his daily letter home (using the patriotic envelopes I kept him supplied with) we were able to follow the progress of the war games." Miss Krakora has a most interesting collection of Patriotics and I am trying to get her to write it up for THE COLLECTOR.

Mr. George Richardson, RCD 243, Lock Drawer 118, Glenn Dale, Md., is now the editor of the cachet column in CHAMBERS STAMP JOURNAL.

Since the Christmas cover sponsored by the Original Order of Zunks in 1939, Mr. Hamilton, sponsor, has won for his club five cover of the month awards by the American Board of Cover Review. They are St. Patrick's Day 1940, Labor Day 1940, Thanksgiving Day 1940, Independence Day 1941 and National Aviation Day 1941. The covers placed in a group and exhibited by Howard Davis of Wilkes-Barre won an award at the Wyoming Valley stamp show last year. A blue ribbon was won by Mr. Hamilton at

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the Zunk Exhibit in Pittsburgh for cover frames judged by visiting judges. These were a group of Zunk covers.

There have been altogether 23 different Zunk cachets. From these 23 cachets, 11,856 Zunk covers have found their way into the books or files of cover collectors. The number of the Hallowe'en covers (1941) was the large number of 952.

For your information regarding the Sea Scout cachets issued by the Boston Sea Scout Division during the Summer of 1941:

Maritime Day . . . June 29 . . . U.S.

Navy (U.S.S. WILKES)

Maritime Day . . . July 4 . . . U. S.

Navy (U.S.S. WILKES)

Fleet Cruise . . . July 4 . . . U. S.

NAVY (U.S.S. WILKES)

Fleet Cruise . . . July 5 . . . U. S.

NAVY (U.S.S. WILKES)

Long Cruise . . . Aug. 16 . . . U. S.

NAVY (U. S. Sub. Base, New Lon-

don, Conn.)

The mix-up on the Maritime Day and

Fleet Cruise covers was due to the

well meaning N.M.C.'s trying to give

us a naval cancel when all the mail

was being put thru the Yard P.O. It

seems that the WILKES was the only

one using a ship cancel at the time, so

they all dumped the load off on him.

New London promised a cancel from

a Sub., but failed to deliver as did

the Brooklyn Navy Yard who gave us

a machine cancel on the Long Cruise

cover of Aug. 23rd.

Camp Gordon, Georgia, will be dedicated in January or February. Scott Nixon will have a cachet for this event. Send all covers ready-to-go with one cent per to Mr. Nixon, S. F. C. Bldg., Augusta, Ga. State that covers are to be used for dedication of the camp as Mr. Nixon is holding covers for several events.

Thanks for mail to F. T. Carter, George Richardson, G. H. Hamilton, Scott Nixon, L. M. Tex Edmunds, J. O. Gernigan, Justin L. Bacharach, Charles R. Peatfield, J. Robert Bund, Norman Wicks and Art Christensen.

• The Michigan Stamp Club will hold an Auction at the Book Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, on February 21st, for the benefit of the Red Cross.

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A Word to The Unwise

The writer, at hobby shows and in their places of business has repeatedly talked to antique and secondhand dealers of the value of old stamps. "Do you get any old trunks with letters in them?" They usually answer that they either do or have the chance to. And asked what they do with the letters the usual answer is "Burn them up." To a further talk of the possible value of the old folded and other early letters they reply "I don't know anything of stamp values and the catalog is so intricate I don't have time to learn."

Then we give them our name and address and offer to pay fairly for any lots sent us, and warn them that in buying a bunch of stuff from an old house and throwing away the letters they may be losing ten times as much as they will make from the other stuff. They promise to remember and to send us a lot of old letters, but nothing of value has ever come.

Nevertheless, the idea is of value. A friend traveling in Minnesota dropped into a secondhand store to see if he could pick up any old buttons for his wife. Himself a stamp collector, he asked the owner if he ever got a trunk of old letters. "Had one just a little while ago," he replied, "a number of the envelopes had Pony Express pictures on them." "What did you do with them?" "Took the letters out and destroyed them. Gave the envelopes to a fellow here who collects stamps and seemed to want them!"

He may have gotten as much as a

dollar for the trunk, and thro ignorance gave away covers valued at at least ten dollars each - and how many of them?

—A. C. Townsend

• Ecuador for many years has collected a tax on each piece of mail the extra sum being for various purposes such as building post offices, social security, national defense, etc. Gradually the sum collected increased as each new levy was added, until it happened that the tax now exceeds the postage on certain classes of mail. Covers have been seen bearing a 5c tax stamp and only 2c in postage. Fortunately for Ecuadorians their money is not on a par with ours, so the total collected is still a very small sum in our money.

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Section Base Br., San Pedro, Calif.
11-28

Camp Cooke Br., Lompoc, Calif.
1-142

Manchester Air Base Br., Manchester,
N.H. CONTRACT 11-12

Camp Gordon Br., Augusta, Ga.
12-22

Camp Tyson Br., Paris, Tenn. 12-15
Brookley Field Br., Mobile, Ala.
CONTRACT 12-8

Fort Banks Br., Boston, Mass.
CONTRACT 12-8

Marine Detachment, First Defense
Battalion Br., Honolulu, Hawaii
1-1-42

Sixth Defense Battalion, F.M.F.,
Br. Honolulu, Hawaii 1-1-42

Advanced Carrier Training Group,
Pacific Fleet, Br. New York, N.Y.
12-15

Section Base, Little Creek, Br. Norfolk,
Va. 12-1

14th Provisional Marine Co. Branch,
New York, N.Y. 11-14

Air Corps Advanced Flying School
Branch, Victorville, Calif. CONTRACT
12-16

Pilot Replacement Center Branch,
San Antonio, Texas CONTRACT
12-16

Stockton Field Br., Stockton, Calif.
CONTRACT 12-8

Discontinued. Sixth Defense Battalion,
Fleet Marine Force, Br.,
New York, N.Y. 12-31

Designation changed. Base Force, U.S. Fleet branch changed to Base Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Br., New York N.Y. 2-1-42
Second Marine Aircraft Group,
Fleet Marine Force changed to
Marine Aircraft Group 21 Br.,
New York, N.Y. 8-1-41

Covers sent by the writer to Army Posts for cancelling have in almost every case come back promptly with nice cancellations. Mail clerks have been most co-operative. Naval covers are slower but most of them do eventually get-back. Several months is not

an unusual wait in the case of the "indefinite" branches of New York. When sending such covers, it is well to mark them so they may be identified, as the "U. S. Navy" cancellation is often used instead of the distinctive cancellation of the unit. For example, covers from the Submarine Divisions are usually cancelled "U. S. Navy." The distinctive cancellations can in most cases still be obtained if you want them badly enough. The procedure is to send a stamped, addressed cover, in which is enclosed a similar cover, with a request for the distinctive cancellation on the inside envelope. The clerk may then seal the outside cover and apply the "U.S. Navy" cancellation as he is required to do,

and you get the cancellation you want on the inside cover.

Philatelic Station Cancellations

A check list of these cancellations was given in the October number and some corrections were noted in the December number. Now that the national conventions are over for at least a few months, the three following additions will bring this check list up to date.

1941—

Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society,
Kansas City, Mo.
Sept. 25-28.
Machine and Handstamp cancellations.

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 Oct. 29-Nov. 2.
 Machine and handstamp cancellations.
 First day 50c air mail stamp (Oct. 29)

At the above conventions two types of handstamp cancellations, a fixed

date and a changeable date, as explained in the October number, were used.

American Philatelic Congress, Boston, Mass.
 Nov. 28-30

Two types of handstamp cancellations; one with long killer bars (70mm.) and the other with short killer bars (27mm.)

Censor markings at bases outside of the United States

The following are additions to the list given in the November number and were furnished by D. C. Bartley of Seattle, Wash. Illustrations of many of them are given in "Cancellations" for November.

7. A 50x28mm, rectangular box, the inscription inside reading "Censored/U.S.A.P.O. 806/by". Initials seen were "M.C.D." and "W.W.C."

8. A circle 37mm. in diameter, reading around the inside in capital letters, "Passed by (at top)/Naval Censor (at bottom)." Censor's initials appear in center. This is like #4 on the previous list except in

that case the circle was 30mm. in diameter.

9. As #8, except the wording is continuous.

10. Similar to #8, but the circle is 43mm. in diameter and the letters are larger.

11. Two line horizontal handstamp "Censored/by," with "U.S.N." below the line.

12. As #11, but reads "Censored" with line below, and without U.S.N."

13. As #12, "Censored" but no line below. Initials of censor are given below.

14. As #11, but "U.S.N." missing. Western Washington fair station cancellation.

For the above fair, held September 15-21, 1941, at Puyallup, Wash., a special handstamp flag cancellation was used. This is inscribed in the town mark "Fair Grounds Sta. (at top)/Puyallup, Wn. (at bottom)." The handstamp was designed by D. C. Bartley and its use was authorized by the Post Office Department.

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These are of British make and were ordered in January 1941 and delivered to us late in the summer. We do not expect to be able to get a further supply until after the war, so the small stock we have will probably not last very long.

Price \$1.25★

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531 N. Park St.

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Linprint Products

TO BE
DISCONTINUED

For several months, we have been considering the announcement that is made now. Linprint Philatelic Products are to be discontinued. This will apply to all of the products listed in our 1942 Price List. In the future we may again offer through certain sources, some of the items now listed. For the time being however, we plan to dispose of the entire stock of material at sacrifice prices to the collector. We have a good supply of many of the items but they will not last long at the low prices we are putting on them. We print a list of items below, with regular Old Prices and our NEW PRICE. These are in most all cases 40% discount from the regular prices. If you are interested in any of the items, we urge you to buy quickly. We will be glad to send you a complete price list with detailed description of all the items for your guidance in ordering. If you already have a list or are familiar with the products you can order at once from the list below. Bear in mind that postage is extra in all cases, the complete price list gives mailing weights and all particulars. If postage is not enclosed, we will ship by express collect. All offers are for cash with order only and we suggest that you give a supplementary list in case something may be sold out.

Watch this paper each week for special offers. We have a quantity of some items that have not been listed in our price list and will make some attractive offers from time to time.

ORDER NOW WHILE THE STOCK IS COMPLETE

Difficulties in keeping up a stock of goods of this nature over the coming many months has led us to make the decision to discontinue this entire line of merchandise. You can lay in a supply for your wants for the coming year at prices you will not see again.

	Old Price	New Price	
Olympic Album	.50	.30	Junior Size Stock Book .80
Blue Boy Album	.50	.30	DeLuxe Senior Stock Book 2.50 1.50
Enyland Album	.50	.30	Victory Spring Back Album 2.50 1.50
Pages for any of above .35	.20		Pages, per 100 .00 .60
Glassine for any of above .25	.15		Glassine, per 100 .50 .30
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Columbus Album	2.25	1.35	Compact Cover Album 1.50 .90
Pages, per 100 .75	.45		Black and Blue Cover Album .80 .48
Glassine, per 100 .40	.24		Original Cover Album 3.00 1.80
Bowery Album, any type page	.90	.54	Extra Page Units 1.50 .90
Pages, per 100 .60	.36		Society Approval Books .05 .03
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Blackout Album No. 701	1.00	.60	Pages, packs of 25 .50 .30
Blackout Album No. 702	1.75	1.05	DeLuxe Silver Streak Cover Album 2.25 1.35
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Perpetual Album Pages, Pack of 8	.10	.06	Black Album Pages, pack of 30 .50 .30
Same, pack of 24 pages .25	.15		Heavy White Album Pages, pack of 30 .50 .30
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Pages, pack of 50 .50	.30		All items on Page 23, No discount
Perpetual Album Page Groups as listed on page 7 of price list all at 40% discount.			Nick Carter Watermark Tray only .25 .15
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Ring Binder Meter Album	1.00	.60	No discount on Kodak, while small supply lasts.
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Ring Binder Postmark Album	1.00	.60	at 60¢ per 100.
Pages for above, per 100 .75	.45		No. 110 at 45¢ per 100.
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Coronation Stamp Album	1.25	.75	Patriotic Cover Envelopes, 60¢ per 100.
Pages only .00	.60		Presidential Envelopes, set of 31 .40 .24
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Pages, per 100 .50	.35		Counter Sales Pages, per 100 .75 .45
Glassine, per 100 .60	.36		Collectors Duplicate Stock Book 1.75 1.05
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Glassine, per 100 .60	.36		Sheet Holders, each .25 .15
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Ring Binder Album Pages, all on page 14, 15 of price list. All at 40% discount.			Sheet Holders only .15 .09
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Linprint Inc.,

531 N. Park St.

Columbus, Ohio



This past week the Government busted up a used stamp racket which was worked in the city. One party was so adept at piecing used stamps together to form uncancelled ones, that he was able to sell them at 70c on the dollar. The party of the second part then sold them to down town office boys at 95 to 97c on the dollar. Federal prison sentences were meted out to both parties.

The Hong Kong issue, seems to have disappeared from the market.

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*1935 War Heroes #452-53 (2)	.16
*1935 Juvenile Games #454-55 (2)	.14
*1935 Bach-Handel #456-58 (3)	.15
*1935 Hitler Youth #463-64 (2)	.14
*1940 Leipzig Fair #494-97 (4)	.13
*1941 Leipzig Fair Comm. #498-01 (4)	.25
*1941 Vienna Fair #502-05 (4)	.30
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INTERNATIONAL STAMP CO.
P. O. Box 111 Sta. W. New York, N. Y.

Wholesale prices for single sets are well up. The Hong Kong Centenary set has also vanished. However holdings of this set are available at double the old price, but there are no large quantities. The original King George VI set is unavailable at any price.

A few days ago, a wholesaler got 1,000 copies of a new Malaya "Panhang" stamp. He charged exactly double face, and was sold out in a very short time. This same wholesaler reports that his stocks on the recent issues from Straits and Settlements is negligible, and there goes the last remaining quantity in the country. He advised that the British Borneo War Tax stamps was also running very low, a few of his salesmen, however, still have about 400 sets left.

A delayed shipment from Belgium Congo arrived this week, bringing one fortunate man 22 additional varieties on the Free French Equatorial Africa set. Other wholesalers had gotten these values in dribs and drabs. One of these men called the recipient of this lot and pleaded with him not to sell them cheap as it would hurt him. In my presence this party's proposition was turned down and the stamps will be marketed at a much lower figure.

It was very surprising to me to see the number of new European stamps of Axis dominated countries available for sale in this city. All who sell these stamps claim they were in the country before the war, or that they were allowed to receive packages shipped to them, which were postmarked before the war. Many dealers report that their customers are more anxious than ever to get these last minute stamps. Why?

A new Free French Equatorial Africa stamp was received from London. Party receiving it, said this was a double semipostal stamp. It is a one franc postage with a two franc tax for the Tuberculosis fund, and in addition a tax of seven pence (not on the stamp) was added for the De Gaulle fund. Wasn't something else left out? I am checking on the validity of the 7 pence statement.

There is some talk going about that we should have a semi-postal stamp with surtax going to the war chest, we don't need any semi-posts as long as we buy the Defense stamps. Keep the sale of these stamps in your community up. You can never buy too many.

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By Kenneth M. Gierhart
Baltimore, Ohio

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Famous American Issue.

Town Collection

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My guardian angel, the genial Prof. Gamber calls my attention to the Dewey in the Hills Fla. Its HOWEY in the Hills and its not my error. Be that as it may, Prof. says he can't figure out where the Hills come in at as the country thereabouts is at or near sea level. Just quaint old custom I guess. ---- Thanks A. F. ---- Mr. Reed Yo Ho! Has Columbus, O., in a metal handstamp type U-121N been listed. We believe it exists. Why we can't answer.

East Penn Stamp Show

The East Penn Collectors Club of Fleetwood, Pennsylvania, will hold its Fifth Annual Exhibit in the lobby of the Fleetwood Fire Company Building on February 20, 21 and 22. Exhibits from all parts of the country are solicited for entry in seven different sections with three awards offered in each section. Exhibits of hobbyists, other than philatelists, will also be displayed. There will be no entry fee, but a small charge will be made to cover insurance on the exhibits.

This year the Club is issuing a very attractive seal commemorating the fifth anniversary of the club. It depicts the evolution of the transportation of mail, with a large Roman V and the American Flag prominently displayed through the center of the label. Designs of Pennsylvania Dutch Art constitute a border which serves as a frame for the central theme. Printed on three different colors of gummed paper, the seals are being sold for 15c per set, plus a three cent stamp.

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